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SUBJECT: PROPOSED IRANO-JAPANESE EXPORT REFINERY

REF: TEHRAN 11577

1. SUMMARY. JAPAN GROUP SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH IRAN FOR
CONSTRUCTION OF REFINERY IN IRAN TO START OPERATING IN 1983.
END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SEKIGUCHI
OF THE JAPAN COOPERATION CENTER FOR THE MIDDLE EAST (JCCME)
THAT ITS OIL REFINERY SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN HIROSHI OHBORI
(WHO IS CONCURRENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE JAPAN PETROLEUM
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION) SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON NOVEMBER 13
WITH P. MINA, DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL IRANIAN OIL COMPANY,
TO PROCEED WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF AN OIL REFINERY IN IRAN
TO GO INTO OPERATION IN 1983. SEKIGUCHI SAID THAT NO
AGREEMENT HAS YET BEEN REACHED ON SIZE, CAPACITY, FINANCING,
MARKETING, COST SHARING, ETC., AND DENIED RECENT JAPANESE
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PRESS REPORTS THAT THE CAPACITY OF THE REFINERY WOULD

BE 500,000 BD, AND COST DOLS 2.5 BILLION. CURRENTLY
THE JCCME AND NIOC ARE BRIEFING THEIR RESPECTIVE
GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ON THE NOVEMBER AGREEMENT.

3. OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT THIS PROJECT WAS FIRST
DISCUSSED BY FORMER MITI MINISTER NAKASONE DURING A
1974 VISIT TO IRAN. EARLIER THIS YEAR, CURRENT MITI
MINISTER KOMOTO VISITED IRAN AND REAFFIRMED JAPAN'S
INTENTION TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECT AS PART OF ITS AID
PROGRAM, AND IN JULY HIGH LEVEL BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS
WERE HELD IN IRAN.

3. JCCME IS A GROUP AFFILIATED WITH MITI WHOSE PURPOSE
IS TO PROMOTE JAPAN'S "COOPERATION WITH THE MIDDLE EAST
COUNTRIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CARRY OUT THEIR INDUSTRIAL
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS AND TO INTENSIFY THEIR INTER-
NATIONAL TRADE ACTIVITIES." IT WAS ONE OF THE THREE
JAPANESE SPONSORS ALONG WITH OAPEC OF THE RECENT
SEMINAR IN TOKYO WHICH FOCUSSED PRIMARILY ON DEVELOPMENT
PROBLEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. (THE EMBASSY IS PREPARING A
REPORT ON THIS SEMINAR.) THE JPDC FUNNELS OFFICIAL
FUNDS TO SUPPORT PRIVATE PETROLEUM EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT
ACTIVITIES.
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